

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2001  
AT 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS  
19925 TWENTY-THREE MILE ROAD  
MACOMB, MICHIGAN 48042

PRESENT: JOHN D. BRENNAN, SUPERVISOR  
NORMAN J. SNAY, CLERK  
MARIE E. MALBURG, TREASURER  
TRUSTEES: DINO F. BUCCI, JR.  
JANET DUNN  
KENNETH MEERSCHAERT, JR.  
CHARLES OLIVER

Also in attendance: Lawrence Dloski, Township Attorney  
Jim VanTiflen, Township Engineer  
(Additional attendance record on file with Clerk)

ABSENT: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor BRENNAN called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Clerk SNAY called roll. All present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS (with any addendum's)

Additions: 12a. Fire Department - Repair of Water Tender - cylinder head.  
12b. Fire Department - Repair of Engine - rear brakes.

Tabled: 9. Restrictive covenants for South Macomb Disposal Authority (SMDA) sites 9 & 9A.

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by MALBURG to approve agenda as amended.**

**MOTION carried.**

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS.

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by MALBURG to authorize payment of both bill runs, as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

**MOTION by MEERSCHAERT seconded by SNAY to approve the minutes of December 12, 2001 as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

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Clerk SNAY presented citations to three township firefighters for the role in saving the life of an elderly township resident. Firefighters Kevin Leder, Robert Fick and Geoffrey Smith received the citations.

6. Department Monthly Reports
  - a. Macomb County Sheriff's Department
  - b. Building Department
  - c. Fire Department
  - d. Water & Sewer Department
  - e. Parks & Recreation Department


**MOTION by DUNN seconded by OLIVER to approve and file the department monthly reports as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

7. Public Comments (Non Agenda items only - 3 minute time limit)


None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8.  Request for Temporary Variance from the Land Division Ordinance regarding Landscape/Sidewalk; The Fairways of Macomb Subdivision. The Fairways of Macomb Corp., Petitioner.

**MOTION by SNAY seconded by MEERSCHAERT to approve the request for Temporary Variance from the Land Division Ordinance regarding Landscape/Sidewalk installation to be completed no later than June 1, 2002, for the Fairways of Macomb Subdivision.**

**MOTION carried.**

9.  Restrictive Covenants for SMDA (South Macomb Disposal Authority) Sites 9 and 9A.

Tabled to the meeting of January 23, 2001 - (*See item #3*)

**MOTION carried.**

10.  Township Financial Statements: Plante and Moran.

Mr. Mark Hurst, from the CPA firm of Plante and Moran, gave a report on the audit and financial status of the Township. He stated that Macomb Township has received their highest rating. He reviewed the reports that had been presented earlier to the Board of Trustees. No action was taken by the Board.

11. Terms of Appointment for Boards and Commissions.

Supervisor BRENNAN listed his appointments for the various boards and commissions and the board confirmed the following appointments:

**MOTION by SNAY seconded by MEERSCHAERT to approve the appointment of Deborah Zolnoski to the Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring on December 31, 2004.**

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by OLIVER seconded by DUNN to approve the appointment of Norman Snay, Edward Gallagher and Kenneth Meerschaert, Sr. to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2004.**

**MOTION by OLIVER seconded by MEERSCHAERT to approve the appointment of Edward Gallagher, Marvin DeBuck, Nelson Schram, Brian Florence and Dean Ausilio to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on December 31, 2004.**

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by OLIVER to approve the appointment of Dominic Geric, Marvin DeBuck and Kathie Cantanzaro to the Board of Review for a term expiring on December 31, 2002.**

**MOTION by MEERSCHAERT seconded by OLIVER to approve the appointment of Richard Maierle and Mitchell Niepokuj to the Act 345 Fire Pension Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2004.**

**MOTION by OLIVER seconded by MALBURG to approve the appointment of Clarence Milton, Jr. to the position of Weed Commissioner for a term expiring on December 31, 2002.**

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by MEERSCHAERT to approve the appointment of Michael Koehs to the Macomb Township Building Authority for a term expiring on December 31, 2004.**

12. Review of Compensation: Elected Officials, Deputies, Boards and Commissions.

Trustee MEERSCHAERT reviewed the proposed increases for the elected and appointed officials.

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by OLIVER to approve the compensation proposal as presented, effective on January 1, 2002 as follows:**

**Supervisor - \$65,000.00 plus mileage; Clerk - \$60,000.00 plus mileage; Treasurer - \$60,000.00 plus mileage; Deputy Clerk - \$47,250.00 plus \$11,500 for Computer system Administration; Deputy Treasurer - \$47,250.00; Trustees - \$7,150.00 plus \$125.00 per meeting; Parks Commission - \$175.00 per meeting; Planning Commission - \$2,100.00 plus \$105.00 per meeting; Board of Review - \$28.25 per hour; Zoning Board of Appeals - \$150.00 per meeting; Building Board of Appeals - \$125.00 per meeting; Weed Commissioner - \$18.00 per hour; Dial-a-Ride drivers - \$14.50 per hour; Fire Chief - \$64,000.00 plus \$750 clothing allowance; Assistant Fire Chief - \$58,000.00 plus \$750.00 clothing allowance; Full Time Captain - \$52,000.00 plus \$700.00 clothing allowance.**

**MOTION carried.**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

12a. Request for authorization to repair the engine on Water Tender.

Assistant Chief Meerschaert presented the request and estimated the repair at approximately four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

**MOTION by OLIVER seconded by SNAY to authorize the repair to the water tender.**

**MOTION carried.**

12b. Request for authorization to repair the brakes on Engine 1.

Assistant Chief Meerschaert presented the request and estimated the repair at approximately two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

**MOTION by SNAY seconded by OLIVER to authorize the repair to Engine 1.**

**MOTION carried.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

13.  Request to Purchase Video Projector and DVD Player.

D. Martin Piepenbrok presented the request and indicated that the total would be under five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by OLIVER to approve the Purchase Video Projector and DVD Player for an amount less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).**

**MOTION carried.**

14.  Request to Attend Community Recreation Center Architectural Meetings.

D. Martin Piepenbrok presented the request and indicated that only one township would be going instead of the original two. The employee going would be himself.

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by MALBURG to approve the request to attend the Community Recreation Center Architectural meeting in Colorado.**

**MOTION carried.**

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

15. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor BRENNAN congratulated Trustee DINO BUCCI for his recent appointment to the Macomb County Parks and Recreation commission.

Supervisor BRENNAN wished everyone a 'Happy Holidays' and informed the meeting that congratulations were in order for Beckie Kavanagh, a township employees, who gave birth on December 22, 2001 to a son, Aaron Dean, seven pounds, ten ounces and twenty-one inches long.

16. Clerk's Comments

Clerk SNAY wished everyone a 'Happy Holidays'.

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17. Treasurer's Comments

Treasurer MALBURG wished everyone a 'Happy Holidays'.

18. Trustee's Comments

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION by MEERSCHAERT seconded by DUNN to adjourn into executive session at 7:43 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.*

19. Ventimiglia vs Macomb Township.

**MOTION by SNAY seconded by MALBURG to enter into the consent judgment agreement as stipulated.**

**MOTION carried.**

20. Grand Sakwa vs Macomb Township.

Informational only, no Board action was taken.

**ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION by DUNN seconded by MEERSCHAERT to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

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John Brennan  
Macomb Township Supervisor

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Norman J. Snay  
Macomb Township Clerk

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